



**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Group Art Unit 2853, Expedited Procedure**

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MASAHIKO KUBOTA, et al.

Application No.: 10/646,700

Filed: August 25, 2003

For: SOLID SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT,  
INK TANK, INK JET RECORDING  
APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH INK  
TANK, LIQUID INFORMATION  
ACQUIRING METHOD AND LIQUID  
PHYSICAL PROPERTY CHANGE  
DISCRIMINATION METHOD

Mail Stop Amendment  
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## LETTER SUBMITTING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FEE

Sir:

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement dated September 29, 2006 which apparently crossed in the mail with a final Office Action dated September 26, 2006. In that Information Disclosure Statement, a certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) was made that the information was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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Since the application has received a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, it is respectfully requested that the Information Disclosure Statement dated September 29, 2006 be treated as a filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d). A check for \$180.00, which is the fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for such a submission is attached. Consideration of the art cited therein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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